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((("VICTIM OF WASHINGTON'S POLICY" -- TASS HEADLINE))  
((TEXT)) MOSCOW OCTOBER 1 TASS -- TASS POLITICAL NEWS ANALYST  
ASKOLD BIRYUKOV WRITES:  
CHARLES THORNTON, THE 50-YEAR OLD U.S. JOURNALIST FROM  
THE CITY OF PHOENIX (ARIZONA), WHO INGLORIOUSLY LAID DOWN HIS LIFE  
IN AFGHANISTAN, WILL NEVER RISE FROM HIS OWN ASHES LIKE THE  
MYTHICAL BIRD PHOENIX. AS A CORRESPONDENT OF THE NEWSPAPER  
"ARIZONA REPUBLIC", THORNTON LEFT THE CITY OF QUETTA, NEAR  
PAKSITAN'S NORTH-WESTERN BORDER, A MONTH AGO AND WITH GANGS OF  
AFGHAN COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES SNEAKED INTO AFGHANISTAN HEADING  
FOR THE AREA OF THE CITY OF QANDAHAR, FRANCE PRESSE NEWS AGENCY  
REPORTS. BUT BANDITS, INFILTRATED INTO AFGHANISTAN FROM  
PAKISTAN ON U.S. MONEY, ARE KNOWN TO ENCOUNTER EFFECTIVE  
STRIKES FROM THE PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES. THORNTON AND THREE  
OTHER AMERICANS DID NOT ESCAPE THIS LOT.

IT WAS EXACTLY NEAR QANDAHAR THAT THE UNINVITED GUESTS MET  
WITH THE CRUSHING FIRE OF THE AFGHAN ARMED FORCES, WHICH KILLED  
THORNTON AND WOUNDED ONE MORE U.S. JOURNALIST WHO, LIKE THORNTON,  
HAD LEFT FOR AFGHANISTAN IN SEARCH OF SENSATIONAL REPORTS  
FROM THAT COUNTRY.

THORNTON'S DEATH IS DIRECT SEQUEL TO THE POLICY OF COVERT  
AND OPEN INTERFERENCE, INCLUDING MILITARY ONE, IN THE AFFAIRS OF  
THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN, PURSUED BY WASHINGTON.  
BABRAK KARMAL, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE  
PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF AFGHANISTAN AND CHAIRMAN OF THE  
REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN  
(DRA), SAID THE OTHER DAY IN KABUL THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD  
SET ASIDE 600 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE UNDECLARED WAR AGAINST THE  
DRA IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS IN ADDITION TO A BILLION DOLLARS  
ALREADY SPENT ON THESE ENDS. THESE DOLLARS BRING DEATH AND  
DESTRUCTION TO THE AFGHAN PEOPLE.

BEING NOT CONTENT WITH THE TRAINING OF MURDERERS AND SABOTEURS  
FOR BANDIT RAIDS IN THE DRA IN SPECIAL CAMPS IN PAKISTANI TERRITORY  
AND THE SHIPMENT OF WEAPONS TO THEM, THE WASHINGTON ADMINISTRATION IS  
BUSY STEPPING UP THE PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE AGAINST AFGHANISTAN, IN  
WHICH USE IS MADE OF MASS MEDIA BOTH IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE  
NATO COUNTRIES, WHICH IS NOTORIOUS FOR ITS TASTE FOR  
SENSATIONS. THE U.S. CONGRESS HAS RECENTLY PASSED THE BILL  
AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF HALF A MILLION DOLLARS TO THE U.S.  
INFORMATION AGENCY (USIA), THE KEY ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL  
WARFARE, CONDUCTED BY WASHINGTON, FOR TRAINING AFGHAN  
COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES IN METHODS OF BLACK PROPAGANDA.

THIS INTERFERENCE IS GAINING INSCOPE. THE "FREE AFGHANISTAN  
RADIO" SUBVERSIVE RADIO STATION STARTED BROADCASTING ITS ANTI-AFGHAN  
PROGRAMMES FROM TODAY. AS EXPECTED, THESE PROGRAMMES INVOLVED FROM  
THE START A POORELY FRAME-UP FALSEHOOD WHICH WAS IMMEDIATELY REFUTED  
BY KABUL RADIO.

IN DISREGARD FOR THE SOLIDARITY WITH THE AFGHAN TERRORISTS,  
DEMONSTRATED BY WASHINGTON, AND THE GROWING U.S. AID TO THE AFGHAN  
COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES, WITH WHOSE HANDS THE UNDECLARED WAR IS  
BEING WAGED, THE DRA PEOPLE GIVES A BEFITTING REBUFF TO THEIR OUTSIDE  
AND INTERNAL ENEMIES.

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